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1. AS REPORTED GOVT DAILY NEWS SHEET, DURING MEETING APRIL 17 WITH PRISON WARDENS AND LEGAL OFFICIALS, MINISTER OF JUSTICE BONAVENTURE HABIMANA (WHO ALSO SEC GEN OF NATIONAL MOVEMENT) REMINDED OFFICIALS THAT GUARANTEES OF PERSONAL LIBERTY PROVIDED IN RWANDAN CONSTITUTION AND LAW MUST BE RESPECTED BY ALL AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING RWANDAN LAW CHARGES MUST BE BROUGHT WITHIN 5 DAYS IF PERSON ARRESTED OR PUT IN DETENTION; OTHERWISE OFFICIALS LIABLE FOR PROSECUTION. MINISTER NOTED THIS AND OTHER PROVISIONS NOT BEING APPLIED IN ALL CASES, WHILE "PERSONAL LIBERTY IS PRIMORDIAL RIGHT DUE ALL INDIVIDUALS AND GUARANTEED BY UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN AND THE RWANDAN CONSTITUTION."

2. COMMENTS WERE MADE DURING EXAMINATION OF RECENT PRISON REPORTS. 1974 CIRCULAR CITED AS BASIS OF COMMENTS PART OF EFFORTS BY HABYARIMANA GOVT TO PROVIDE BASIC RIGHTS TO RWANDAN CITIZENRY. WARNING AND ITS PUBLICATION REFLECT CONTINUED CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AS TOPIC RECEIVES MORE ATTENTION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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